

**VILLAGE OF YELLOW SPRINGS
RESOLUTION 2022-59**

**DECLARING OCTOBER 15, 2022 "WHEELING GAUNT DAY" IN THE VILLAGE OF
YELLOW SPRINGS**

WHEREAS, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2022 WILL COMMEMORATE THE OCTOBER 2021 UNVEILING OF THE WHEELING GAUNT STATUE IN HILDA RAHN PARK; AND,

WHEREAS, THE STATUE AND THE 2022 WHEELING GAUNT DAY ACTIVITIES CONTINUE TO ENCOURAGE US TO REMEMBER AND BE INSPIRED BY THE GENEROSITY OF THIS YELLOW SPRINGS RESIDENT; AND,

WHEREAS, THE VILLAGE OF YELLOW SPRINGS HAS A LONG HISTORY OF BEING A "WELCOMING COMMUNITY" TO PEOPLE OF ALL BACKGROUNDS, AS CODIFIED BY OUR VILLAGE VALUES AND RECOGNIZED AS IMPORTANT BY WHEELING GAUNT, WHO STRONGLY APPRECIATED THE BENEFIT OF DIVERSITY IN CREATING A VIBRANT, HEALTHY COMMUNITY; AND,

WHEREAS, BORN ENSLAVED IN KENTUCKY, AROUND 1812, GAUNT PURCHASED HIS FREEDOM AND MOVED TO YELLOW SPRINGS DURING THE CIVIL WAR; AND,

WHEREAS, IN OUR VILLAGE, WHEELING GAUNT BECAME A MAJOR LANDOWNER WHILE GIVING GENEROUSLY TO INDIVIDUALS AND ORGANIZATIONS, MOST NOTABLY TO THE VILLAGE; AND,

WHEREAS, THE GIFT OF WHEELING GAUNT, MADE SHORTLY BEFORE HIS DEATH IN 1894, OF THE NINE ACRES OF FARMLAND THAT HE OWNED ON WEST SOUTH COLLEGE AND WHICH BECAME GAUNT PARK, AND HIS INSTRUCTION THAT RENTS FROM THE FARMLAND BE USED TO PURCHASE FLOUR FOR WIDOWS INSPIRED A TRADITION THAT CONTINUES TODAY - HIS GENEROSITY EXEMPLIFIES THE MOTTO, FOR WHICH WHEELING GAUNT BECAME KNOWN AND IS NOW INSCRIBED ON THE BASE OF HIS STATUE: "NOT WHAT WE HAVE, BUT WHAT WE SHARE."

**NOW, THEREFORE, COUNCIL FOR THE VILLAGE OF YELLOW SPRINGS,
OHIO HEREBY RESOLVES THAT:**

SECTION 1: COUNCIL HEREBY DECLARES SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2022 WHEELING GAUNT DAY IN THE VILLAGE, IN HONOR OF THE MAN, THE LEGACY AND THE MEMORIAL HE HAS LEFT FOR THE VILLAGE OF YELLOW SPRINGS.



BRIAN HOUSH, PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

PASSED: 10-3-2022



ATTEST:
JUDY KINTNER, CLERK OF COUNCIL

ROLL CALL:

BRIAN HOUSH __Y__

KEVIN STOKES __Y__

MARIANNE MACQUEEN __Y__

CARMEN BROWN __Y__

GAVIN DEVORE LEONARD __Y__